

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS

STATE OF DELAWARE

ATTACHMENT 4.19-C

Standards for Payment of Reserved Beds During Absence from
Long-Term Care Facilities

Payment will be made for reserving beds in long-term care facilities for recipients during their temporary absence for the following purposes:

1. For periods of hospitalization for acute conditions up to 14 days per hospitalization in any 30-day period.
2. For leaves of absence up to 18 days per calendar year as provided for in the recipient's plan of care.
3. The 18-day leave of absence may be waived as follows:

If a recipient's physical condition is being negatively impacted by their emotional need to be in a family setting, prior approval may be obtained for a waiver of the 18-day leave of absence limitation (for other than acute care hospitalization) from the Title XIX Medical Consultant in order to allow the patient more time to visit with their family, as long as such absences are provided for in the recipient's written plan of care.

To obtain approval, a written request must be submitted by the nursing home to the Nursing Home Coordinator and must include:

1. reason for the request
2. medical summary
3. statement from the nursing home's medical director regarding the medical necessity of the patient being absent from the home in excess of 18 days per year.
4. anticipated frequency of absence

The number of days waived must fall within a six-month period.

Any request for a waiver after the six-month limit must be resubmitted and approved for payment to be continued.

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